City of High Point

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High Point Community Against Violence recognized by FBI

High Point Community Against Violence will be presented with an FBI award for community outreach in the area of crime prevention, community engagement and education. HPCAV will be the North Carolina statewide recipient of this award. An organization in each state is recognized annually. A local presentation of this award will take place on Thursday, November 20 at 1 p.m. at the High Point Police Department HQ located at 1009 Leonard Avenue. A formal presentation will take place in Washington, D.C. in early 2015.

Water Mains and Leaf Collection

- Water and Sewer Mains 37 broken water mains have been repaired since July 1
- Round 1 of loose leaf collection began on November 10. For more information about loose leaf collection visit the City's <u>website</u> or call 336.883.3111.

Leaf Mulch Available at Ingleside Compost Facility

There is an abundance of leaf mulch – we encourage residents to add this to their gardens now and till it during spring. Visit the facility located at 3001 Ingleside Drive to see what is available. Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Payments are accepted via cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Waste Collection and Toter Activity since October 31

- Environmental Services reports the following activity since the end of October:
 - collected 173 tons of yard waste, 1,093 tons of garbage/trash, 104 tons of bulk items (sofa/chairs/mattresses), and 275 tons of recyclables at the curb
 - o responded and cleaned up 4 sites where tires were dumped illegally
 - o delivered 19 new mobile toters and 12 replacement toters to customers

Plan Submittals and Review

- TRC reviewed a sketch plan for a proposed 46-lot single-family residential subdivision. If this project moves forward, it will be the first new residential subdivision in over 8 years. TRC also conditionally approved a final plat for a new 11-lot section of the Meadow Creek subdivision and a final plat for a 9-lot section of the Cottesmore subdivision was recorded.
- For the period of 10/11 through 10/24, the Planning and Development Department received 73 construction plan submittals for review and completed 93 plan reviews. A total of 297 permits were issued and 368 permits were completed and closed. Also, a total of 1158 construction related inspections were performed, which include building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and zoning inspections. During this time period, there was an average of over 115 construction related inspections conducted each day.
- Current larger projects submitted for construction plan review include the following:
 - o Sport Clips (tenant fit out) 4112 Suite 101 Brian Jordan Place
 - Barrier 1 Systems (new building) 8015 Thorndike Road

Most Furniture Market Cardboard Ever

Fall Market set a record for the amount of cardboard collected by Public Services. Typically, about 300 tons of cardboard are collected from the event. This Market, however, Environmental Services collected 450 tons of cardboard which was processed through the City's Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Without the help and cooperation of IMC and other market showrooms, much of this cardboard could have ended up on the streets or in the landfill.

Pumpkins, Art, and Churchill

- Over 700 children participated in the High Point Public Library's annual Pumpkin Patch Carnival that took place over 4 days during the last week of October. Children came in costume, played games, won prizes, and had refreshments. A High Point fire truck visited for two days – always a big hit with the kids.
- The Theatre Art Galleries' "Waste Matters" environmental art installation took place the week of November 3 and the public opening was on Saturday, November 8. The event was well attended and library customers are enjoying the interesting recycled art pieces throughout the building.
- On November 11, over 100 people attended a program on Winston Churchill presented by Dr. Elliot Engel, a widely-known and very popular speaker on literary and historical figures. This free program was funded by the High Point Public Library Foundation, with attendees from as far away as Asheville, N.C.

Cedrow Drive Sidewalk

Sidewalk construction is complete on Cedrow Drive. Engineering and Public Services are working with the contractor to complete the milling, utility adjustments and resurfacing of the street. City Council will consider a change order on November 17th for the resurfacing contract which will allow the project to be competed. Years of overlays without edge milling have left several driveways and wheelchair ramps needing additional work. The milling work will begin on Thursday, November 13th. The street will be resurfaced out to Scientific Street.